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Annotations

1. Election of officers

Rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council stipulates that, at the commencement of the first meeting of a regular session, the Commission shall elect from among the representative of its members a Chairman, one or more Vice-Chairmen and such other officers as may be required.

At most of its past sessions, the Commission has elected a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur or Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur.

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2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure requires that, after the election of its officers at the beginning of each session, the Commission shall adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/CN.5/2000/1)

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session (E/CN.5/2000/L.1)

3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development

In preparation for the special session of the General Assembly on the implementation of the outcome of the Summit and further initiatives, the Commission will review and appraise progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development.

(a) Priority theme: contribution of the Commission to the overall review of the implementation of the outcome of the Summit

In accordance with decision 2 taken by the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and for the Initiatives at its first session in May 1999, the Commission will consider the report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive assessment of the overall level of implementation of the outcome of the Summit and will transmit the results of its deliberations to the Preparatory Committee at its second session in April 2000.

(b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups

The Commission will consider issues pertaining to disability and ageing. It will receive a report by the Special Rapporteur on Disability on the assessment of his work and options for the future. In discussing the issue of ageing, the Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the International Year of Older Persons, 1999.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive assessment of the overall level of implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (E/CN.5/2000/2)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Commission's Special Rapporteur on Disability on his activities (E/CN.5/2000/3)

Report of the Secretary-General on the International Year of Older Persons, 1999 (E/CN.5/2000/4)

Report of the symposium on States, the market and social progress: roles and cooperation of the public and private sectors (E/CN.5/2000/5)

4. Provisional agenda for the thirty-ninth session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the Commission will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its thirty-ninth session, together with an indication of the documents to be submitted for its consideration.

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda for the thirty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development (E/CN.5/2000/L._)

5. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-eighth session

In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure, the Commission reports to the Economic and Social Council on the work of each session.